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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

CLOSEABLE SELF-VENTING SPOUT03945 U.S. PTO
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and invented by:

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1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 40 pages and including the following:
 - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. ☐ Cross References to Related Applications *(if applicable)*
 - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development *(if applicable)*
 - d. ☐ Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
 - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
 - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
 - h. ☒ Detailed Description
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3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*
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- b. ☐ Informal Number of Sheets _____
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- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional application only)*
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
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5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference *(usable if Box 4b is checked)*
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under
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6. ☐ CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)
8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all must be included)*
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CFR)
- b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
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Accompanying Application Parts

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
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17. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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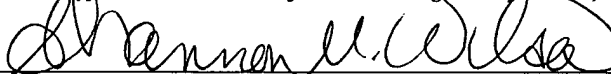
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